at developing and gaining expertise in the field of KBCS/FGCS by research, design and development of prototype of such a system and applying this technology based solutions to major socioeconomic problems. Under this project 6 nodal centres are being established with Tata Institute of Fundamental Research, Bombay National Centre for Software Technology, Bombay, Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, Indian Insitute of Sciences, Bangalore, Indian Institute of Technology,Madras and Department of Electronics to carry out research and development in the identified thrust areas. The specific areas in which research & development will be carried out will include Artificial Intelligence, pattern Recognition, Computer Vision, Natural Language Processing Speech Analysis, Functional Languages, Experts Systems, Computer Architecture. The project has been approved by Planning Commission and submitted to UNDP for their possible assistance. The implementation of this project has since commenced.

Loss of Life and Property due to Riots in Jammu & Kashmir

1422. SHRI SYED AHMAD HASHMI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of places where riots broke out in Jammu & Kashmir during the last three months and the loss of life and property suffered as a result thereof;

(b) whether Government propose to appoint any inquiry committee in this regard; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) and (c) The Government of Jammu & Kashmir are competent to order an inquiry into the law and order incidents under the provisions of the Jammu & Kashmir Commissions of Inquiry Act, 1962.

Steps to Counter Terrorist Activities in Delhi

1423. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what steps have been taken to maintain law and order in Delhi in the light of rise of terrorist activities in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): The following steps have been taken by Delhi Police to deal with the terrorist/extremist activities:

(i) An Operation Cell to deal with terrorist/ extremist activities has been set up in Delhi Police.

(ii) A Watch is being kept at possible hideouts in order to locate Sikh extremists, visiting Delhi from Punjab.

(iii) Regular co-ordination meetings with the officials of neighbouring States, CBI and I.B. are being held to monitor the activities of the extremists/terrorists and to exchange information.

(iv) Intensive checking of hotels and guest houses is being done regularly to locate extremist elements and suspicious strangers.

(v) Checking at Border Check-past has been intensified.

(vi) Area Security plan vehicles have been deployed for the security of VIPs vulnerable to terrorist attack and to apprehend them in case they strike.

(vii) Armed Guards and other security measures have been provided to known and possible targets of terrorists.

(viii) patrolling has been intensified at Railway track and platforms and strict vigilance has been mounted at Inter-State Bus Terminus and Palam Airport.

(ix) Photographs of known/suspected terrorists have been circulated to all District Officers, Security personnel and mobile vans to apprehend them.

(x) Security arrangements at public places and vital installations have been strengthened to the maximum possible extent.

(xi) Pickets have been posted at the strategic points.

(xii) The intelligence system has been strengthened.

(xiii) Surprise checking of vehicles is being carried out to detect those involved in commission of crime.

Salary of Grih Kalyan Kendra, Delhi Employees

†1423-A. SHRI MARUTI DNYANOO MANE (PATIL): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the employees of the Grih Kalyan Kendra (Delhi) managed by the Ministry of Home Affairs, are drawing Rs. 450/- p.m. despite holding the I.T.I diplomas;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that the employees of the said Kendra have no other facilities as enjoyed by other Government employees; and

(d) if so, what action Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The honorarium paid to the craft teachers in Grih Kalyan Kendra managed by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions is Rs. 491/-p.m.

(b) Appointments in the Grih Kalyan Kendra are not appointments to regular jobs under Government. It is work for which an honorarium is paid. For the purpose of appointment only the dependents of low paid and needy Central Government employees are considered and they are paid a monthly honorarium calculated on the basis of minimum wages prescribed by the Delhi Administration. This is in conformity with the objectives of the Grih Kalyan Kendra which is to provide to the dependents of Central Government employees some experience for improving their career prospects elsewhere as also to supplement the income of the family for the time being. The employees of the Grih Kalyan Kendra are also free to get themselves registered with the employment exchanges to find jobs elsewhere.

(c) Employees of GKK are not treated as Central Government employees. However, many employees of GKK enjoy certain facilities like medical treatment by virtue of their being dependents of Central Government employees.

(d) Does not arise.

Involvement of a Professor of J.N.U. in Ramswarup Case

@1423-B. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the name of Dr. Jayasekhar, Associate Professor in the School of International Studies, J.N.U. figures in the documents seized in connection with the Ramswarup spy case;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his name also appears in the report submitted by the Kudal Commission; and

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take against Dr. Jayasekhar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU):

(a) Yies, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

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†Previously Unstarred Question 1039, transferred from the 6th May, 1986.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1259, transferred from the 7th May, 1986.